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SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT: SOME DIVIDED FAMILY CASE

REF: A) WARSAW 4482, B) WARSAW 5016

1. WE APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY'S RECENT DEMARCHE ON SEVERAL PRESSING DIVIDED FAMILIES CASES(REF A). ONE OF THESE, THE WOJNAR CASE, HAS NOW BEEN RESOLVED, PROBABLY OWING IN LARGE PART TO THE EMBASSY'S EFFORTS. ANOTHER, WIESLAW KRZAK, WAS THE SUBJECT OF A QUERY FROM CONGRESS-WOMAN HECKLER'S OFFICE JUNE 13, THE FIRST SIGN OF CONTINUING INTEREST WE HAVE FROM THAT QUARTER. A THIRD, LORENC, HAD BEEN THE SUBJECT OF RENEWED CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST A MONTH OR SO AGO. FINALLY, THE CULLEN AND KOTLARZ CASES REMAIN AMONG THE MOST URGENT AND SERIOUS OF ALL. IN SHORT, WE CONCUR IN THE EMBASSY'S PERSEVERENCE ON THESE AND OTHER SPECIFIC CASES AND ITS INTENTION TO CONTINUE RAISING THEM WITH THE POLES.

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2. WE DO QUESTION, HOWEVER, ONE POINT IN THE EMBASSY'S PRESENTATION TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, BECAUSE WE FEEL IT UNDERCUTS OUR DESIRE TO FOCUS ON PRIORITY CASES. WE HAVE IN MIND THE LINE IN PARA 2 OF REF A THAT THE USG IS INTERESTED IN ALL OF THE UNRESOLVED CASES. ALTHOUGH WE FULLY AGREE WITH THIS POINT, WE FEEL IT IS BETTER LEFT

UNSAID UNLESS IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO MAKE CLEAR AGAIN TO THE POLES THAT WE REMAIN INTERESTED IN ULTIMATELY RESOLVING ALL CASES.

3. FOR THE TIME BEING, WE WANT TO CONCENTRATE ON HIGH-PRIORITY CASES, BECAUSE WE THINK WE WILL GET BETTER OVERALL RESULTS THAT WAY. ONE WAY OF MAKING THE POINT MIGHT BE TO EXPLAIN, USING THE LANGUAGE IN PARA 2 OF REF A, THAT OUR PURPOSE IN SELECTING SOME CASES FROM TIME TO TIME FOR DISCUSSION AT THE WORKING LEVEL IS TO ENSURE THE GOP KNOWS WHICH CASES WE ATTACH PARTICULARLY HIGH PRIORITY TO.

4. IN THIS RESPECT, WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY FRELEK'S INDICATION TO THE AMBASSADOR THAT THE POLES ARE FINALLY WILLING TO CREATE A MECHANISM FOR CASE-BY-CASE REVIEWS. CHRISTOPHER

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